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TO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA
INFO AMEMBASSY MEXICO
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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MODE - FBI REQUEST TO OPEN REGIONAL OFFICE
IN GUATEMALA

REF: 76 STATE 197897

1. FBI WOULD LIKE TO OPEN A REGIONAL OFFICE IN CENTRAL
AMERICA AND HAS REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER TWO
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AGENTS AND TWO U.S. CLERK-STENOGRAPHERS FROM ITS MEXICO
CITY OFFICE FOR THIS PURPOSE. THESE OFFICERS WOULD HANDLE
LIAISON RESPONSIBILITIES IN CENTRAL AMERICA CURRENTLY BEING
MET BY AGENTS OPERATING OUT OF MEXICO CITY. AREAS COVERED
BY THIS OFFICE WOULD BE: BELIZE, COSTA RICA, EL SALVADOR,
GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, NICARAGUA AND PANAMA.

2. FBI VIEWS MOVE AS ECONOMY MEASURE. MAJORITY OF CASE WORK IN AREA IS IN COSTA RICA, GUATEMALA AND PANAMA. COSTA RICA WAS FBI'S PREFERENCE FOR LOCATION OF OFFICE BUT IN CONSULTATION LAST SUMMER EMBASSY SAN JOSE WAS OF THE OPINION THAT SUCH A MOVE WOULD HAVE NEGATIVE POLITICAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONSEQUENCES. RECENT CONVERSATIONS MAKE IT CLEAR THAT SITUATION IS STILL THE SAME IN COSTA RICA. DEPARTMENT WILL RAISE QUESTION AGAIN WITH NEW AMBASSADOR WHEN SUCH IS NAMED. IN THE MEANTIME POSSIBILITY OF LOCATING FBI OFFICE IN GUATEMALA IS NOW BEING CONSIDERED.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS SERIOUS CONCERNS REGARDING POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES OF MOVE AT THIS TIME AND WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY GUATEMALA'S FULL ASSESSMENT. PLEASE INCLUDE ESTIMATE OF HOST GOVERNMENT REACTION.

4. IF EMBASSY IS IN FAVOR OF LOCATING FBI OFFICE IN GUATEMALA, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS AND YOUR ESTIMATE OF WHEN MOVE COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED. LEGAL ATTACHE PREPARED DISCUSS DETAILS REGARDING OFFICE SPACE, EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE NEEDS ON NEXT ROAD TRIP. FBI WOULD LIKE TO EFFECT A TRANSFER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. LEGATT OFFICE NORMALLY OPERATES OWN COMMUNICATIONS AND DEPARTMENT HAS REMINDED FBI OF THE RIGHT OF ACCESS BY CHIEF OF MISSION TO THE SUBSTANCE OF FBI OFFICE'S COMMUNICATIONS PURSUANT TO PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO AMBASSADORS AND SECTION 12, P.L. 93-475.

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